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SUBJECT: NORWAY SUPPORTS GUATEMALA TO SIT ON UNSC

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Classified By: Pol/Econ Counselor Mike Hammer, Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) According to the MFA, Norway has decided to support Guatemala's candidacy (over Venezuela's) for the 2007-2008 Latin America non-permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council. We spoke with both the MFA's Latin America and United Nations Sections, who noted that while Norway informed Guatemalan Vice President Stein of their support on March 22, the decision has not been made public. The Norwegians explained that they chose to back Guatemala not only because of Chavez's poor record, but because Guatemala has been a contributor to UN peacekeeping operations and has never served on the UNSC.
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